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The House met at 10 a.m.

The Reverend Dr. Harold R. Mayberry, Senior Pastor, First African Methodist Episcopal Church, Oakland, California, offered the following prayer:

God of wisdom, humility, and compassion, we thank You for the marvelous gift of life that You have so wonderfully shared with us. For the ability to reason without being unreasonable, and to learn from one another, for the spirit of cooperation that serves to bless us all, we give You thanks.

We pray, O God, that Your constant presence which provides guidance will be manifest in the spirit of each congressional representative and that Your will and Your strength will shape their decision-making.

We pray, O God, that Your spirit of sensitivity, for the well-being of all of Your people, will be lifted up in this body.

May those who serve in this Chamber never know fear as they seek to do what is morally right as mandated by You. May courage be the order of the day; may Your spirit of peace rule here; and may You always be acknowledged as Lord and Leader we pray.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MILLER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MILLER of Florida led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### WELCOMING THE REVEREND DR. HAROLD R. MAYBERRY

(Ms. LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute).

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, let me just say, first of all, how honored we are that Pastor Harold Mayberry has presented and provided with us a very powerful prayer this morning.

Pastor Mayberry is the pastor, as he indicated, of First AME Church in Oakland, California. Pastor Mayberry and his wife, Mary Mayberry, are here with us this weekend as we work to look at the major issues which, of course, the Congressional Black Caucus and all of us deal with each and every day.

First AME Church, let me just say, is a very powerful church, a very committed church in our community. It is a shining light in Oakland and in the East Bay. It provides a vision for our community. It is a church which, under Pastor Mayberry's leadership, insists that our community puts people first in the sense that they focus on educating our young people, housing the homeless, feeding the hungry. It is a congregation that makes religion really real in our community, and that is thanks to Pastor Mayberry and the First AME Church family.

The leadership of this congregation has made many, many changes in our great East Bay and especially in the city of Oakland, California. And for that we are deeply grateful.

We are honored and privileged that Pastor Mayberry and his wife, Mary, are here with us today. Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for the opportunity to share his wisdom and his insight with this great august body.

### APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL CONFEREES ON S. 3, PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN ACT OF 2003

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 11 of rule I, the Chair appoints Mr. CHABOT and Ms. LOFGREN as conferees on S. 3.

The Clerk will notify the Senate of the change in conferees.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will receive 5 one-minute speeches on each side.

### REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1078

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have my name removed as a cosponsor of H.R. 1078.

The SPEAKER. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

### TRAFFICKING

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, the President this week made a courageous move at the U.N. He called on the world to act against trafficking. The U.N. should follow the President's lead and take action.

Human trafficking is one of the worst forms of human violations in the world today. Each year, over 800,000 men, women, and children are trafficked into prostitution or forced labor. It is modern-day slavery. It is absolutely vital that we act to remove these people from slavery and assist in their recovery, but it is also important that police and security forces around the

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